

Please do not allow cell phones to be used on flights. I cannot imagine anything more unpleasant than having to hear people talk on cell phones for the duration of a flight. The situation is bad enough in airports, where, no matter where I sit and try to read, someone comes over and talks on a cell phone near me, making it impossible for me to read.

I have tried to use earplugs to avoid being bothered by cell-phone users, but I have not found any earplugs that are effective against cell-phone talk. Most earplugs are made to reduce low and high frequencies, not in the voice range.

Cell-phone users might argue that they are getting work done on their phones, such that allowing them to talk on flights will increase productivity. However, I also work while flying, by reading reports and writing. Their talking would reduce my productivity on flights -- the same as it currently does in airports, where I can barely work at all due to the pervasive cell-phone talk.

If you want to allow cell phone use on flights, then please require that a separate sound-insulated section be set apart for cell-phone users, so that people who do not use cell phones are not disturbed by the noise they make.